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	Agenda Item No. 41 Roll Call No. <u>16-0292</u> Communication No. <u>16-073</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving a competitive grant application by the Fire Department to the Monsanto Fund for the purchase of 15 4-gas meters.

SYNOPSIS:

- Current 4-gas meters assigned to each fire engine/ladder truck are nearing their end of service life.
- Costs to maintain some of the meters is not financially responsible.
- Grant proposal submitted to Monsanto; Monsanto approval to proceed with application received on February 9, 2016.
- The total cost to purchase 15 meters is \$9,000.
- Grant application for \$5,000 from the Monsanto Fund (the grant limit).
- If the grant is awarded, the balance of \$4,000 to be funded by the Fire Department.
- Strategic Plan: Goal #1; Financially Sound City.
- Strategic Plan: Goal #3; High Performing City Organization.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$4,000

Funding Source: Fire Department Operating Budget G001 FD103110, Page 102 of Fiscal Year 2017 Recommended Operating Budget

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The current 4-gas meters assigned to each City fire engine/ladder truck are nearing their end of service life and the costs to maintain some of the meters is not financially responsible. The Fire Department recently submitted a preliminary one (1) page grant proposal to the Monsanto Fund grant; approval to proceed with the grant application was received on February 9, 2016. The total cost to purchase 15 meters is \$9,000; the Fire Department is applying for \$5,000 from the Monsanto Fund, which is the grant limit, and the balance (\$4,000) will be funded by the Fire Department.

The ability to provide quality service and maintain firefighter safety demands the adoption of industry best practices and the use of modern equipment to manage emergency situations. The purchase of the new meters will allow the Fire Department to continue providing excellent emergency response service when responding to and managing natural gas leaks, carbon monoxide leaks, and other hazardous environmental conditions. Funding a portion of the acquisition with funds from the Monsanto Fund is

consistent with Des Moines City government mission to provide exceptional municipal services, City of Des Moines's Goal 1 - Financially Sound City, and Goal 3 - High Performing City Organization.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 23, 2015

Roll Call Number: [15-0315](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application to the Monsanto Fund for funding of two multi-gas monitors for use by the hazardous materials teams. ([Council Communication No. 15-067](#)) Moved by Coleman to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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